

Trinity Tidings

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News

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**ICE CREAM
SUNDAE SUNDAY!**

June 12

Join in the fellowship hall after worship!

All are welcome!

June 2022

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Sunday, June 12

- Worship 9 AM
- Family Activity 10 AM

Monday, June 13

- Ruth Circle 7 PM

Tuesday, June 14

Wednesday, June 15

Thursday, June 16

- Bible Study 9 AM
- Yarn Crafting 5:30 PM
- Carport Clutch 6:00 PM

Friday, June 17

Saturday, June 18

Sunday, June 19 - *Father's Day*

- Worship 9 AM

The most current calendar and worship services can be found at

www.trinitynewlondon.com.



Sandy Krueger and Kerri Kohls will be giving meal participants in June the choice of macaroni and cheese or a grilled hot dog. The June meal is Wednesday, June 29, from 5-6 pm.



The Community Meals committee is looking for donations of:

- * Healthy snacks (e.g. apple sauce, raisins, craisins, fruit cups, granola/protein bars, jerky, etc.)
- * Desserts

PLEASE NO NUTS and NO ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION. Place in deck box outside of church.

Healing:

- Schroeder Family
- Barbara Johnson - surgery
- Jill Maus - sister-in-law of Denise Knudsen, cancer
- Adam Lehmann - health concerns
- Carole Ebert - cancer
- Larry Leatz - friend of Tom & Sue Luba, cancer
- Trista Jo Blank - health concerns
- Bonnie Wegner - cancer
- Tina Bartelt - cancer
- Cindy Wolford - cancer
- Kathy Feeney Rueckert - friend of Sue Luba, medical issues
- Helen Massey - health concerns
- Jackie Janke - health concerns
- Dawn Haag - cancer
- Ginger Massey - relative of Helen Massey
- Anna Roberts - cancer
- Sam Ives - health issues

Those in the military:

- Shane Borree
- SSGT Zachary Abel

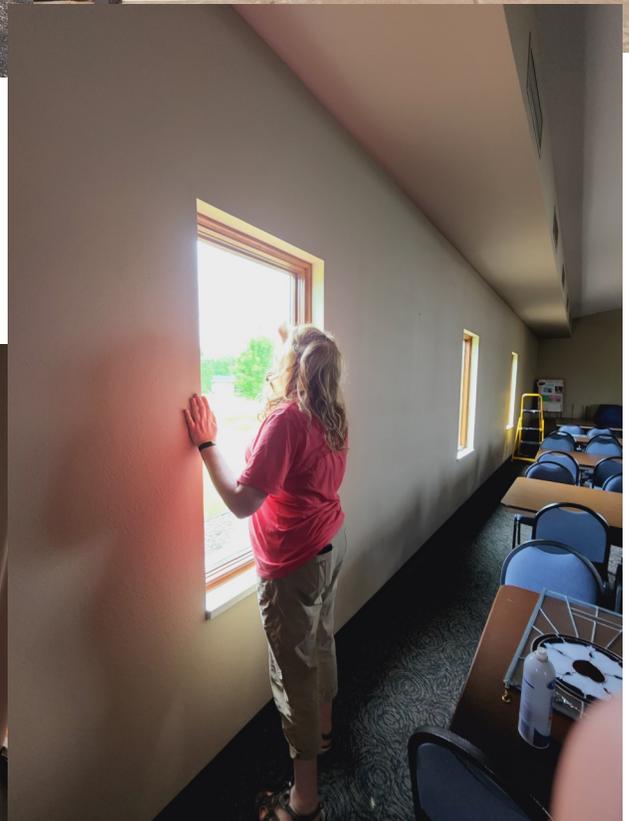


Facebook Flashback Fridays need your help! Do you have any photos from events at Trinity? Are you willing to share photographs or memories from Trinity's history? We want to keep our Flashback Fridays going on Facebook and are

looking for any material you would be willing to share. You can email them to wegerndanielj@gmail.com, or drop them off in the Church Office addressed to Dan Wegner, or give them to me at Worship! I hear there might be some pictures from a Bridal Show done at a Women's Spring event in the past, wouldn't that be a great Friday Flashback! Dan Wegner - Media Outreach



A big thank you everyone who helped with church clean up!



Many hands make light work.



First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."



Psalm: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

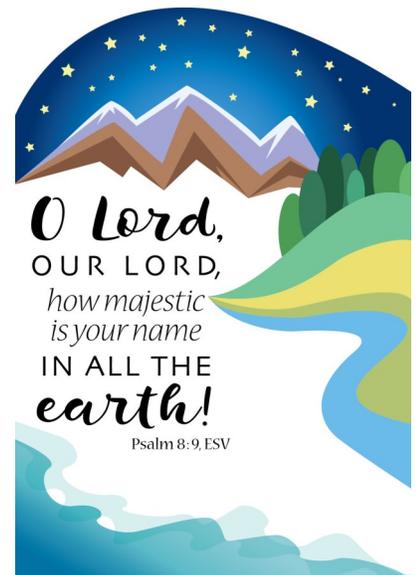
⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

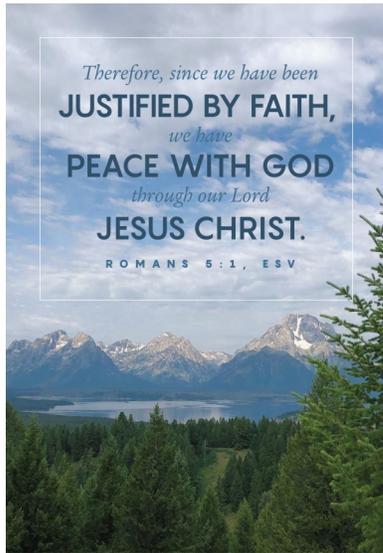
⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air,
the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5



Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through

whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

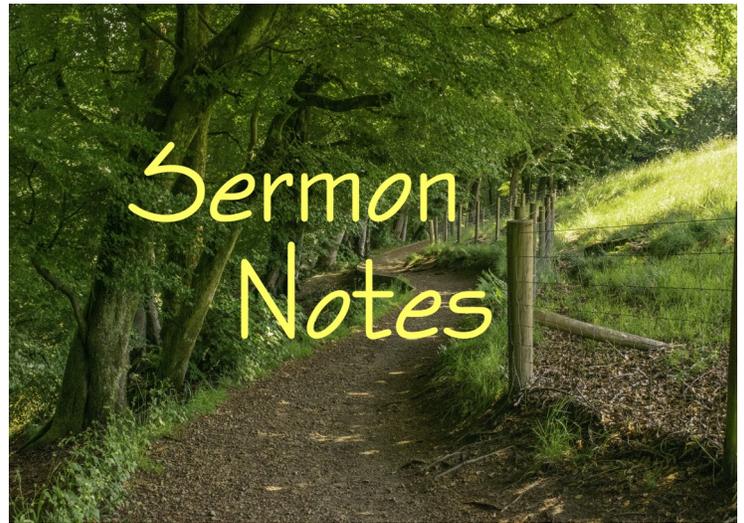
[Jesus said,] ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide

you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For



this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."



The Holy Trinity

I have a confession to make.

I have a rather puzzling sermon today. (Show puzzle).

I like puzzles, especially jigsaw ones.

My parents would work on these sometimes and encourage the family to join in.

My Dad said this is one way people who were laid off passed the time during the Great Depression.

Once you get started they can become addicting.

We want to solve them.

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity to many is like a puzzle.

It is tough to put together.

It is a mystery.

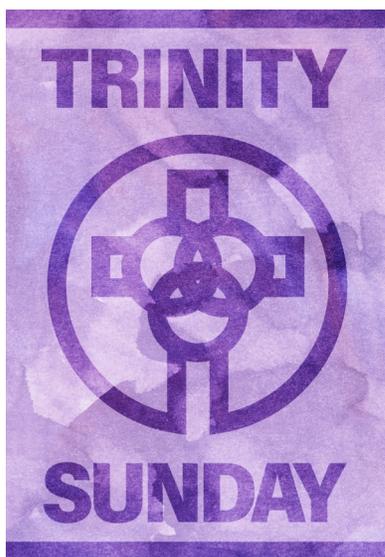
One God: three persons.

Have any of you heard of the Athanasian Creed?

Here's a sample:

(1) Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith; (2) Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly. (3) And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; (4) Neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. (5) For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son and another of the Holy Spirit. (6) But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal. (7) Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit. (8) The Father uncreate, the Son un-

create, and the Holy Spirit uncreate. (9) The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible. (10) The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. (11) And yet they are not three eternal, but one eternal. (12) As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensibles, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible. (13) So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty; (14) And yet they are not three almighties, but one almighty. (15) So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God; (16) And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.



Got it? Probably not. This creed is used in worship in some liturgical churches. We've just been using Apostle's and Nicene Creeds, which are shorter and to the point. The Trinity doctrine was established to define who our God is. It was developing from the beginning of the church until formulated in early 4th century.

Not that we have God all figured out. In Lutheran theology God is described as hidden yet revealed. If we had God all figured out he would not be God. The Trinity doctrine is a way to express how we experience this hidden/revealed God.

There is no word "Trinity" in the Bible. That is why many have a tough time accepting this doctrine. Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Unitarians, Jews, Muslims etc. all reject it. Many think this was made up. But the doctrine is based on Scripture. Let us look at Romans passage for today. All three persons are there. We have peace with God the Father through Jesus. Through Jesus we have access to God's grace, which helps us through suffering. "Suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope." Then God's love is poured into us through the

Spirit. The Trinity above all is a RELATIONSHIP. God is a relationship. Word used by the church fathers who put together this doctrine was perichoresis, which means "circle dance." Three persons dancing together in a relationship of love. This circle of love invites us in. One God, three persons. I did not like to dance as a kid. Dancing with a girl was the worst thing ever. But when you are dancing with someone you love it is special. Wedding dances of bride and groom are memorable.

What does the Trinity doctrine mean to us today? It reminds us that we have a God of relationship who keeps us in relationship with him. Who invites us in on the dance. We do not have to comprehend it. We cannot comprehend it. We cannot fully explain it. We cannot put God in a box. The Trinity doctrine allows mystery. Lots of things we know are true are mysteries. Is not love a mystery? We cannot explain it, but we experience it. We know the triune God through experiencing him in creation, through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, and through the Spirit at work in us. The Trinity is a puzzle. It's a mystery. We cannot solve it but through it we can know a God who knows us, and is in relationship with us. That is what is clear! Amen.

Serving at worship this Sunday

Ushers

Allison Kurth, Woody Haag

Lector

Kathryn Moser

Slides

Bryan Willner

Communion Assistant

Allison Kurth

Altar Guild

Kathryn Moser, Allison Kurth